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(54) **SONAR SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METHOD**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method is disclosed for evaluating and/or selecting sonar systems and sonar sensors is provided that results in a performance rating that represents both the magnitude and consistency of detection of targets positioned at different depths. In a preferred embodiment wherein a sonar system includes at least one source and at least one receiver, the performance rating related to target detection, is plotted for each of a plurality of source and receiver depths. A dynamic range sensitivity factor is selected that provides sensitivity in the performance rating with respect to consistency of the detection range at different depths. The dynamic range sensitivity factor is preferably selected between zero and an inverse of a scaling factor related to a maximum detection range and a minimum detection range for a particular source and receiver depth relationship.

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